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SUBJECT: HFAC AFRICA SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF STUDY MISSION

1. PLEASE PASS TO STAFF DIRECTOR HOLLOWAY FROM MICKEY HARMON.

2. FOLLOWING ARTICLE FROM PAGE A2, APRIL 28 EDITION OF WASHINGTON POST PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

"AID OFFICIAL QUILTS, FRUSTRATED"

"A TOP OFFICIAL OF A NEW GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO HELP AFRICA'S POOR HAS RESIGNED, CONTENDING THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO APPOINT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCED IN AFRICAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

"IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY, REGINALD E. PETTY, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, SAID HE HAS BEEN FRUSTRATED IN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A QUALITY PROGRAM OF SELF-HELP DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

" 'UNFORTUNATELY, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS NOT SEEN FIT TO PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION WITH EITHER A BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OR A PRESIDENT WITH THE BACKGROUND AND

EXPERIENCE WHICH IS NEEDED,' PETTY SAID. 'NONE OF THE FIVE PRIVATE-SECTOR BOARD REPRESENTATIVES...HAS ANY EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT; MANY HAVE NO FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF AFRICA AT ALL.'

"THE FOUNDATION, INTENDED BY CONGRESS TO FINANCE SMALL-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY OF SHORT-TERM U.S. FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS, BEGAN OPERATION IN FEBRUARY AND HAS YET TO FINANCE ANY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS." DAM
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